

Statement of the substance of the interview

A telephonic interview has taken place on April 14, 2009 between the Examiner Xiaozhen Xie, her supervisor Mr. Gary Nickol, inventor Dr. Philippe Tessier and Patent Agent Ms. Louise G. Bernier.

Applicant would like to thank Examiners Xie and Nickol for very helpful discussion and suggestions.

Examiners Xie and Nickol confirmed that the rejection to claim 6 under section 112 paragraph 1 (written description) for new matter will be withdrawn since Ms. Bernier pointed out the support in the description for "bone marrow transplant" (page 2, line 8).

An agreement was not reached concerning the rejection of the claims 1, 4, 6, and 8 under 35 USC §103(a) over Hall *et al.*, in view of Niscatri *et al.* and Aboulafia. However, Examiners Xie and Nickol suggested that further steps in the method claims not inherent from the teachings of Hall *et al.* may render the method claims allowable.